(3) A remission of Rs. 25 was granted, the amount representing one-twelfth of the whole bid amount. Some of the inland fisheries are also leased out to the Valans without auction. For example (i) The Amballur fishery is leased to the Keecheri Vala Co-operative Society; (ii) the Vyttila fishery is leased to the Valans of Vyttila and (iii) the Fishery in the Kumaranthi thodu in Pallipuram is leased to the Cherai Vala Co-operative Society.

## Complaints from the Oonni-holders of Mattancheri.

**126. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.**— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

what are the complaints from the Oonni-holders of Mattancheri; how are they settled?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—The Marakkadavu and the Vadappurakkal stake owners were complaining against the loss of revenue due to dredging operations conducted by the Harbour authorities. They requested for compensation for the temporary loss of revenue and a sum of Rs. 393 has been sanctioned by the Harbour authorities. The amount will be paid soon.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി.— ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിരിക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ എത്ര മാസങ്ങൾക്കു മുമ്പായിട്ട് കൊടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കുമെന്നു പറയാമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുത മേനോൻ.—ഒട്ടും താമസിയാതെ കൊടുക്കുവാനുള്ള ശ്രമം ചെയ്യാം.

## Fishing in the backwaters.

**127. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) whether the catch of fish in the backwater is prohibitive

(1) during up-tide;

(2) with light during night;

(3) using poison;

and (4) using gun-powder;

(b) if so, how many such cases are booked for the last 5 years and what punishments were given to them;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the death of a person at Cranganur by eating poisoned fish and five others at Kadamakudi owing to mishap during a process of gun-powder beneath the water to catch fish?

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**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—(a) (1) and (2) No.

(3) and (4) Yes.

(b) None.

(c) These have not come to the notice of the Government.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Was any enquiry made to ascertain the truth of the particular instance before answering this question?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—No enquiry was made because the person was not specified.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Was not the place specified?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—It is not possible to make an enquiry into the death of an un-named person.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—When it is a case of death?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—It is reported to be a death.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Are the Government saying that no death occurred at all in Cranganur?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—Government have no idea at all of questioning the assertion that a person died at Cranganur.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—That is not an answer to my question. My question was whether the Government are aware that there was a death of this nature?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—They are aware from the question that a person died in the place.

**Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.**—Have they made an attempt to make an enquiry? When we ask the Government for information is it not the duty of the Government to make enquiries?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—It is a matter of opinion, when the information is asked for about an unnamed person in a certain place.

**Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.**—Is it the position of the Government that death of unknown persons cannot be enquired into at all?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—I do not say it is impossible. But my contention is it is difficult to enquire into it when the name of the person is not known.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—May I know whether to that extent

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they know that there happened to be a case of death from poisonous fishing, or is it simply one X or Y died?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**— Government knew from the question that a person died in Cranganur by eating poisonous fish.

**Dr. A. R. Menon.**— Was there any suspicious circumstances attending his death?

**Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.**—No.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—The purport of the question is that the Government are not vigilant enough to check the unlawful catch of fishing. That is the importance of the question.

## Shifting of a toddy shop from near the Trichur Mosque.

128. **Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a statement in the Keralan of the 18th Chingam to the following effect:—

"മുഹമ്മദരുടെ പള്ളിക്കടുത്ത കള്ളുഷാപ്പു നാലുക്രൂട്ടന വഴിക്കു കിഴക്കുവശം സ്ഥാപിക്കണമെന്ന തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ മുനിസിപ്പാലിറ്റിയുടെ അഭിപ്രായം അനുസരിച്ചു എക്സൈസ് കമ്മീഷണർ ഓർഡർ കൊടുത്തിട്ടും സർക്കിൾ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ കല്പന നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തീട്ടില്ല";

(2) whether the offending liquor shop has now at least been shifted from its position near the mosque;

(3) if so, when;

(4) what was the cause of the delay to shift it after the order of the Commissioner?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) On 1st Kanni 1111.

(4) There was no delay.

**Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.**—Sir, may I know when the order for shifting was issued?

**Mr. M. P. Cherian.**—The Circle Inspector issued a notice on the 16th Chingom to shift the shop. The time allowed was one week.

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